



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JUNE 22, 2026, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Legislative Items.**
 - a. **Weekly Hour Limitations – Outside the Playing Season – Four-Hour Limitation on Skill Instruction – Eliminate Limitation on Skill Instruction.**
 - (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee recommends the NCAA Division I Cabinet adopt expedited legislation, for women's basketball, to eliminate the four-hour limitation on skill instruction outside the playing season.
 - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
 - (3) Rationale. This recommendation eliminates the four-hour restriction on skill instruction, which aligns out-of-season activities with summer access. It still maintains the limit of eight hours of countable athletically related activities outside the playing season but provides institutions with autonomy to determine which activities to conduct within the eight-hour CARA limit each week outside the playing season.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. Minimal for there is no increase in the weekly hour time allotment.
 - b. **Weekly Hour Limitations – Outside the Playing Season and Preseason Practice – On-Court Practice – 14-Calendar Day Preseason Transition Period.**
 - (1) Recommendation. The Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee recommends the Division I Cabinet adopt expedited legislation, for women's basketball, to increase the number of hours per week from eight hours to twelve hours 14-calendar days prior to the start of on-court practice.
 - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
 - (3) Rationale. This recommendation to incorporate a preseason transition period is based on creating a gradual increase in hours prior to the start of on-court practice and the regular playing season. In addition, it provides an acclimatization period to allow student-athletes to become accustomed to a full course load coupled with increased athletic activities. It is a similar structure teams experienced during COVID-19 and is similar to recent action taken by women's soccer.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Minimal.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Minimal.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Legislative Action.

• **Complimentary Admissions to Away-From-Home Competition After Prospective Student-Athlete Written Commitment.**

(1) Action. The Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee introduced legislation, in women's basketball, to permit an institution to issue complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete (or prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) to an away-from-home competition beginning the calendar day after the prospective student-athlete (1) signs the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or a settlement related benefits agreement; or (2) the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Each year, situations arise in which a prospective student-athlete signs with an institution that later competes at or near the prospective student-athlete's home. Existing NCAA rules prevent institutions from providing complimentary admissions to away-from-home contests and presents as overly restrictive in today's climate. Currently, prospective student-athletes are no longer subjected to restrictions on the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members and a prospective student-athlete (or prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after a written commitment marking the end of the recruiting process. Establishing an exception permitting institutions to provide complimentary admissions to away-from-home contests after commitment aligns with the intent of recruiting deregulation, likely to have minimal recruiting or competitive impact and enhances the prospective student-athlete's connection to their future institution consistent with recent legislative modifications related to the period preceding the triggering of student-athlete status.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Nominal. The proposal does not seek to increase institutional allotments for complimentary admission but rather gives an institution flexibility to distribute its allotment at its discretion.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. **Legislative discussion.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee discussed several additional legislative items. Specifically, the oversight committee discussed the proposal introduced by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, which prohibits institutional staff members with responsibilities specific to men's basketball from attending Division I men's basketball preseason contests, regular season contests and contests during conference tournaments other than their own. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee did not support adding women's basketball to this proposal at this time. The oversight committee plans to monitor this concept for women's basketball and will determine at a later date if this is necessary for women's basketball.

Lastly, the oversight committee received an in-depth presentation on the out-of-season activities model being considered by the MBOC. The WBOC will engage with women's basketball key stakeholders as that will inform the WBOC for any future action. The key stakeholder feedback will include a survey instrument and other engagements, including with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, Student-Athlete Engagement Group, conference offices, administrators, and others. The feedback will be reviewed over the summer and early fall with a concept potentially being adopted in the January 2027 legislative cycle and effective for summer 2027.

3. **NCAA Division I governance update.** The oversight committee was provided with an update on key topics that are being discussed with the Division I Cabinet. Specifically, the Division I Cabinet is expected to vote on the age-based eligibility model during its next meeting. In addition, an update on discussions with NCAA broadcast partners regarding corporate logos on uniforms and playing surfaces during NCAA postseason events will be provided. During its June 11 meeting, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors received an overview of a new concept that would establish an "engagement phase" in advance of a transfer portal window during which institutions may engage in discussions with "contactable" student-athletes from other schools. The Board of Directors directed the staff to seek feedback on the model in advance of its August meeting and prior to membership feedback. Lastly, the cabinet previously directed the staff to develop options to address agent behavior. Initial options will be presented to the cabinet at its June meeting, and broader feedback from the membership will be requested at a later date.

4. **Future meeting schedule.**

- a. July 13, 2026 – videoconference.
- b. August 24, 2026 – videoconference.
- c. October 5-6, 2026 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis.
- d. June 2-3, 2027 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara
Committee Vice Chair: Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho
Staff Liaisons: Meredith Cleaver, Women's Basketball
Lynn Holzman, Women's Basketball
Binh T. Nguyen, Division I Governance and Member Services

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee June 22, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Val Ackerman, Big East Conference.
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).
Sara Burton, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
Jackie Carson, Atlantic Coast Conference (alternate).
Maya Chocano, University of California, Riverside.
Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference.
Liz Darger, Brigham Young University (nonvoting member).
Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (nonvoting member).
Lindsay Edmonds, Rice University.
Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho.
Lindy La Rocque, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
Erin McDermott, Harvard University.
Ed McLaughlin, Virginia Commonwealth University.
Jill Shields, Kansas State University.
Absentees:
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara.
Taryn Sides, Kansas State University.
Adrianna Smith, University of Maine.
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Keisha Burnette, Amanda Conklin, Alicia Fine, Khadian Harrison, Charnele Kemper, Abbie Markey, Gretchen Miron, Courtney Moore, Massillon Myers, and Jared Tidemann.